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AS REQUESTED IN REFTEL, EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO PASS FOLLOWING LETTER FROM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ROY D. MOREY TO SENEGAL ICAO REP. T.A. HANE. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. HANE:

ON FEBRUARY 12,13 AND 16, WE MADE PERSONAL VISITS TO NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN ICAO TO PUT FORWARD THE CANDIDACY OF MRS. BETTY C. DILLON FOR THE POST OF ICAO SECRETARY GENERAL. I KNOW MRS. DILLON HAS BEEN OR WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU ON THIS SUBJECT HERSELF WHEN YOU RETURN TO MONTREAL. OUR EMBASSY IN DAKAR WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TALKING WITH THE APPROPRIATE PERSONS IN THE SENEGALESE

GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. NEVERTHELESS, I WANTED TO MAKE CONTACT WITH YOU IN THIS MANNER AS NEITHER I NOR JULIUS WALKER FROM THIS OFFICE WERE ABLE TO TALK WITH YOU TO EXPLAIN OUR REASONS FOR DECIDING TO ENTER A CANDIDATE IN THE FIRST PLACE AND SECONDLY, THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR DECISION TO NOMINATE MRS. DILLON.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE MANY FACTORS IN OUR DECISION TO ENTER THE RACE -- THE IMPORTANCE WE GIVE TO ICAO, OUR DESIRE TO SEE THE ORGANIZATION SERVED BY THE BEST POSSIBLE PEOPLE ETC., -- TWO FACTORS WERE BASIC TO OUR DECISION. THESE WERE BOTH QUESTIONS OF BALANCE: LANGUAGE AND NATIONAL IMPORTANCE IN AVIATION.

AS THE COUNCIL HAS ELECTED (WITH ACTIVE US SUPPORT) A FRENCH SPEAKING PRESIDENT FROM A NATION NOT RANKING AMONG WORLD LEADERS IN AVIATION AFFAIRS, WE BELIEVE HE COULD BE EXCELLENTLY COMPLIMENTED BY AN ENGLISH SPEAKING SECRETARY GENERAL FROM A MAJOR AVIATION NATION.

HAVING TAKEN THE DECISION TO ENTER THE RACE, WE FOUND NO DIFFICULTY IN DECIDING ON THE CANDIDATE. MRS. DILLON HAS OVER 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF AVIATION -- LEGAL, OPERATIONS, SALES, PILOTING, MANAGEMENT ETC. SHE HAS ALSO HAD VAST INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE, SUCCESSFULLY OPERATING LARGE AND COMPLEX OPERATIONS INVOLVING PEOPLE OF MANY NATIONALITIES. WE BELIEVE HER QUALIFICATIONS ARE UNIQUE AND THAT SHE WOULD STRENGTHEN THE ICAO SECRETARIAT.

ALTHOUGH I REALIZE YOUR VOTE ON A QUESTION OF THIS GRAVITY WILL PROBABLY BE GOVERNED BY INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT, I ALSO BELIEVE YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE INTERESTED IN YOUR PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION. FOR THAT REASON I HOPE YOU CAN SEE FIT TO GIVE YOUR ACTIVE PERSONAL SUPPORT TO MRS. DILLON'S CANDIDACY.

I REGRET WE WERE UNABLE TO CONTACT YOU PERSONALLY. I HOPE THIS LETTER WILL GO SOME DISTANCE IN RECTIFYING THAT OMISSION.

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SINCERELY YOURS,

ROY D. MOREY
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS. INGERSOLL

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